

NAME

ethers – Ethernet address to IP number database

DESCRIPTION

`/etc/ethers` contains 48 bit Ethernet addresses and their corresponding IP numbers, one line for each IP number:

Ethernet-address IP-number

The two items are separated by any number of SPACE and/or TAB characters. A # at the beginning of a line starts a comment which extends to the end of the line. The *Ethernet-address* is written as `x:x:x:x:x:x`, where `x` is a hexadecimal number between `0` and `ff` which represents one byte of the address, which is in network byte order (big-endian). The *IP-number* may be a hostname which can be resolved by DNS or a dot separated number.

EXAMPLES

08:00:20:00:61:CA pal

FILES

`/etc/ethers`

SEE ALSO

`arp(8)`, `rarp(8)`